



# Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Newsletter

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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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## **EOPSS Funding Opportunities**

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### **Violence Against Women Act, Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors (VAWA STOP) Grant**

#### **Application Deadline: February 13, 2009**

The Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, Justice and Prevention Division announces the availability of the Violence Against Women Act, Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors (VAWA STOP) Grant. The STOP Grant Program is designed to provide financial assistance to develop and strengthen law enforcement, prosecution strategies, and victims' services in cases of violent crimes against women. In 2002, EOPSS sponsored the development and implementation of a curriculum and training for its VAWA STOP funded domestic violence advocates working in police departments and their supervisors. EOPSS is seeking to update this training for civilian police advocate programs in an effort to institute best practices across the state.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eopsfunding](http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding) (click on Justice and Prevention and Grant Programs) or contact Candice McKenna at (617) 725-3305.

### **FFY 2009 Urban Area Security Initiative Non-Profit Security Grant Program (UASI-NSGP)**

#### **Application Deadline: February 13, 2009**

The EOPSS Office of Grants & Research, Homeland Security Division announces the availability of the FFY 2009 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). Funds are intended to support "target hardening activities" to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of international terrorist attack. Allowable costs under this program are limited to equipment and training. The only eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of international terrorist attack and are located within the Metro Boston UASI region (Cities of Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Quincy, Revere, and Somerville; Towns of Brookline and Winthrop).

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eops](http://www.mass.gov/eops) (click on Funding & Training Opportunities and then Homeland Security) or contact [Jenny.Barron@state.ma.us](mailto:Jenny.Barron@state.ma.us).

### **FFY 2009 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Grant Program**

#### **Application Deadline: February 13, 2009**

The EOPSS Office of Grants & Research, Homeland Security Division announces the availability of the FFY 2009 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Grant Program. Funds are intended to "increase coordination and collaboration among Federal, State, local and tribal law enforcement agencies in responding to or recovering from terrorist attacks". Allowable costs under this program include equipment, vehicle rental and/or maintenance, and operational overtime for law enforcement agencies. The only eligible applicants are Municipal, County, and federally-recognized Tribal law enforcement entities with an international water border. Applicants must demonstrate that they have a current working relationship with U.S. DHS Customs Border Patrol (CBP). Entities without a current working relationship with CBP should not submit applications.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eops](http://www.mass.gov/eops) (click on Funding & Training Opportunities and then Homeland Security) or contact [matthew.demerle@state.ma.us](mailto:matthew.demerle@state.ma.us).

### **FFY 2009 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Application**

#### **Application Deadline: February 13, 2009**

The EOPSS Office of Grants & Research, Homeland Security Division announces the availability of the FFY 2009 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program. Funds are intended to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, and interoperable EOCs with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs. State, local, or tribal principal EOCs are eligible to apply. Each state, local, or tribal EOC may request funding for only one construction or renovation project.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eops](http://www.mass.gov/eops) (click on [Funding & Training Opportunities](#) and then [Homeland Security](#)) or contact [Tracy.Brown@state.ma.us](mailto:Tracy.Brown@state.ma.us).

### **Statewide Seat Belt Observation Survey**

#### **Application Deadline: February 20, 2009**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Highway Safety Division announces the availability of the FFY2009 Massachusetts Statewide Seat Belt Observation Survey Request for Response posting on Comm-PASS. The Highway Safety Division (HSD) seeks to procure the services of a single organization or individual to conduct a statewide observation safety belt survey as well as a sub-sample survey based on the full-survey design. The sub-sample survey must be done between April 7 and May 8, 2009; the statewide survey conducted between June 1 and 30, 2009. Reports on the results of both surveys need to be produced for EOPSS-HSD.

For more information: <https://www.ebidsourcing.com/processPublicSolSummView.do?action=soltypeCd&docStatus=OPEN&docViewType=OPEN&docUserId=215994&doValidateToken=false&docId=115411&soltypeCd=UNIVERSAL> or contact Bob Kearney, by e-mail at [Robert.kearney@state.ma.us](mailto:Robert.kearney@state.ma.us).

### **2008-2009 Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant Program**

#### **Application Deadline: Open Enrollment through August 2009**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security announces the availability of approximately \$3.2 million in federal funds for high visibility traffic enforcement and equipment grants through September 2009. Funds are available for local police and campus police departments to conduct mobilizations entitled "Click It or Ticket," "Road Respect," and "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest." In addition, participating grant departments will be eligible to purchase traffic safety equipment, signage, and materials after July 1, 2009 upon successful completion of selected 2009 enforcement mobilizations.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eopsfunding](http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding) (click on [Highway Safety](#)) or contact [Caroline Hymoff](mailto:Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us), Highway Safety Division at 617-725-3334 or [Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us](mailto:Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us).

### **Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Mini- Grant Program**

#### **Application Deadline: Open Enrollment through June 2009**

Funded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, the Massachusetts Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Mini-grant Program, “Using Prevention Strategies ... Empowering SADD Students to Improve Their Schools and Communities (UPS),” addresses the core issues of underage drinking, impaired driving, and traffic safety. The goal of the mini-grant program is to raise awareness about these issues and create sustainable youth and adult behavior changes to reduce the risks associated with engaging in these activities. All Massachusetts middle schools, high schools, and youth groups are eligible to apply for a \$600 mini-grant from SADD. Each group or chapter selected to receive a mini-grant may utilize the grant award in one of two focus areas: traffic safety or underage drinking and impaired driving prevention. Within the focus area selected, the group will then opt to concentrate on policy and enforcement or education and collaboration.

For more information: <http://www.sadd.org/sresources.htm>.

## **Other Funding Opportunities**

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

### **National Field- Generated Training, Technical Assistance, and Demonstration Projects**

#### **Application Deadline: February 24, 2009**

The Office for Victims of Crime seeks applications for funding to develop or support the development of national-scope training, technical assistance, and promising practices, models, and programs that build the capacity of victim service and other ancillary providers to provide services and support to crime victims or to ensure that victims are afforded the rights to which they are entitled. Projects should focus on one of the following focus areas: elder abuse, sexual assault, victim restitution, child abuse, youth victimization (including cybervictimization), victim services in corrections settings, stalking, the implications of forensic technology for victims, and training and technical assistance on crime victims’ rights (not direct victims’ rights compliance or enforcement efforts).

Access full text at: [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdf/FY09\\_National\\_Field\\_Generated.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdf/FY09_National_Field_Generated.pdf).

### **FY 09 OJJDP Family Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance**

#### **Application Deadline: February 24, 2009**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) seeks applications for funding to develop, maintain, and enhance drug courts for substance-abusing adults who are involved with the family court due to child abuse and/or neglect issues. Up to \$400,000 is available for a training and technical assistance provider, with extensive expertise in providing peer-to-peer training and technical assistance, to develop and improve family drug court strategies.

Access full text at: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2009/FamilyDCTTA.pdf>.

### **OJJDP FY 09 National Mentoring Programs**

#### **Application Deadline: February 25, 2009**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications for funding to support mentoring programs that have a national scope and impact on combating juvenile delinquency, reducing the victimization of children, and improving the juvenile justice system. Applicants are invited to propose the enhancement or expansion of initiatives that will assist in the development and maturity of community programs to provide mentoring services to high-risk populations that are underserved due to location, shortage of mentors, special physical or mental challenges of the targeted population, or other analogous situations identified by the community in need of mentoring services.

Access full text at: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2009/NationalMentoring.pdf>.

### **Technology Research and Development for Law Enforcement and Corrections**

#### **Application Deadline: March 2, 2009**

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for funding to develop information and sensor technologies for application by law enforcement and corrections agencies. Specifically, NIJ seeks applications for research and development leading to the adoption into practice by law enforcement and corrections agencies of technologies and devices providing: improved means to confirm an individual's identity; improved situational awareness; improved means to locate and track cooperative or non-cooperative individuals; improved data analysis tools; or improved means to detect contraband.

Access full text at: <http://ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000862.pdf>.

### **FY 09 Gang Prevention Coordination Assistance Program**

#### **Application Deadline: March 4, 2009**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) seeks applications for funding for communities to hire a multi-strategy gang coordinator who will enhance the coordination of existing community-based gang prevention and intervention programs and strategies that are closely aligned with local law enforcement efforts. The program's goal is to strengthen coordination of existing resources and activities that support multiple complementary anti-gang strategies, thereby reducing gang activity in targeted communities.

Access full text at: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2009/GangPrevention.pdf>.

### **Social Science Research on Wrongful Conviction**

#### **Application Deadline: March 16, 2009**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding for empirical data collection and research on wrongful convictions. This solicitation is intended to support a more expansive and empirical examination of wrongful convictions than currently exists. In particular, this solicitation seeks to fund research on post-conviction DNA exonerations in the investigation, trial, and post-conviction stages of the criminal justice process as well as a comparison to non-DNA exonerations.

Access full text at: <http://ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000847.pdf>.

### **FY 2009 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration State-Based Capacity Building Program**

#### **Application Deadline: March 26, 2009**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks applications for funding to provide comprehensive resources and services to eligible but unfunded Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program applicants. BJA is seeking a service provider with extensive national-level expertise to: 1) provide proactive, comprehensive, user-friendly services; 2) establish a national resource center to serve as the primary source of information on justice and mental health collaboration programs; and 3) implement strategies that include developing tools and resources such as distance learning, peer-to-peer consultations, and onsite, phone, and e-mail assistance to customers.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/09JMHCPStatesol.pdf>.

### **3M Sign Grant Program**

#### **Application Deadline: November 30, 2009**

The 3M Sign Grant Program is designed to significantly reduce road sign replacement costs to local and state governments to meet the latest federal retroreflectivity standards set by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to improve traffic safety. Any government agency is eligible to apply for one-time grants to receive cost savings to upgrade road signs to meet and exceed the FHWA Minimum Levels of Retroreflectivity. Eligible upgrades include: agencies upgrading their sign sheeting from: Engineer Grade (Type I) to High Intensity Prismatic (Type III, IV, X); Engineer Grade to Diamond Grade DG3 (Type XI); High Intensity Beaded or Prismatic to Diamond Grade DG3. If an agency has upgraded certain sign series but not all, they are eligible to apply for a grant for those remaining sign series.

For more information: [www.3MSignGrants.com](http://www.3MSignGrants.com).

### **Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program**

#### **Application Deadline: Open (an application for funding or technical assistance should be submitted to the OVC Director as soon as practical following a terrorist or mass violence incident)**

OVC developed the Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program to provide timely assistance to jurisdictions to address victim needs in the aftermath of an act of terrorism or mass violence. Applicants can apply for funds for only two situations: to compensate *and* assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur within the United States, or to assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur outside the United States. The funds available through the program may supplement other resources and services available to jurisdictions responding to acts of terrorism or mass violence. Applicants eligible for funding include state victim assistance and victim compensation programs; public agencies including federal, state, and local governments; and victim service and non-governmental organizations.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdf/txt/antiterrorapplication.pdf>.

### **Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program**

#### **Application Deadline: Open (contingent upon funding availability)**

OVC will provide up to \$10,000 each to grassroots community and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to help improve their outreach and services to crime victims, through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers. Eligible applicants include organizations and coalitions operating for at least 1 year that have not received federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) victim assistance grant funding and that have an annual operating budget of \$50,000 or less. All applicants must also have a history of serving crime victims.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>.



## Research and Publications

### **Characteristics of Suspected Human Trafficking Incidents, 2007-08**

This Bureau of Justice Statistics report presents findings from the Human Trafficking Reporting System (HTRS). Developed in 2007, the HTRS collects statistics on alleged human trafficking incidents from state and local law enforcement agencies. The report covers incidents reported to task forces from January 2007 to September 2008 and includes information on the number of suspects and victims, number of agencies involved, and type of lead agency. Statistics are also provided on victim demographics and suspect data.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cshti08.pdf>.

### **Stalking Victimization in the United States**

This Bureau of Justice Statistics report provides an overview of findings on nonfatal stalking victimization in the United States. Using data collected through a National Crime Victimization Survey supplement, the report includes statistics on stalking and harassment demographic characteristics, offender characteristics, victim-offender relationship, prevalence of cyberstalking, protection measures, and emotional impact. The report also includes information on weapon involvement, injury, other crimes committed by the stalker, use of victim services, and criminal justice system response.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/svus.pdf>.

### **Resilient Girls—Factors That Protect Against Delinquency**

This Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) bulletin uses data from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health to highlight factors that may help protect young women from delinquency. As part of the Girls Study Group Series, the goal of this bulletin is to examine why some girls are more susceptible to delinquency than others.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/220124.pdf>.

### **Juvenile Residential Facility Census, 2004: Selected Findings**

This Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention report presents selected findings from the 2004 Juvenile Residential Facility Census (JRFC). The JRFC collects data on the facilities in which juvenile offenders are held. This report focuses specifically on educational and physical health services available to juvenile offenders in residential facilities. Also included are data on facility size, structure, type, ownership, security arrangements, and number of deaths of youth in custody.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/222721.pdf>.

## Conferences and Trainings

### **American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) 2009 Winter Training Institute February 8-11, 2009 in Myrtle Beach, SC**

Sponsored by the American Probation and Parole Association, this conference offers a combination of educational workshops, intensive training programs, and a resource expo specifically for community corrections. The goal of APPA Training Institute is to provide participants with the opportunity to discuss the latest theories and advanced technology, develop innovative solutions, and network with experts in the field.

For more information: [http://www.appa-net.org/institutes/2009\\_myrtle/exhibitor/](http://www.appa-net.org/institutes/2009_myrtle/exhibitor/).

**Train the Trainer ---Drugs 101 Forum**

**February 26, 2009 in Salem, MA**

Hosted by the Office of District Attorney Jonathan W. Blodgett, this “train-the-trainer” workshop will highlight the new *Underage Drinking* presentations and the latest initiative for parents, *Drugs 101: What Adults Need to Know*. All four PowerPoint presentations cover the legal, social and physical consequences of teen alcohol and drug abuse. All participants will receive training materials and copies of all four programs: *Drugs 101: What Adults Need to Know*, *Underage Drinking*; *Not Everyone is Doing it for Middle School Students*, *High School Students*, and *Parents*. There is no cost for this program but space is limited and registration is required.

For more information: please contact Erin Queeney at 978-745-6610 x 5174 or Diane Steele at 978 - 745-6610 x 5082 or email [diane.steele@state.ma.us](mailto:diane.steele@state.ma.us) to register.

**March 2009 National Victim Assistance Academy (NVAA)**

**March 1-6, 2009 in Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX**

Sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime, the NVAA offers education and skill-based trainings for those who assist victims and survivors of crime. The conference includes three instructional tracks: foundation-level training; professional skill-building training; and the leadership institute. Each training lasts 2 to 5 days.

For more information: <https://www.ovcttac.gov/nvaa>.

**Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: “Theorizing Criminal Justice: Practical Applications for the Field”**

**March 10-14, 2009 in Boston, MA**

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences’ Annual Meeting provides a forum for approximately 2,000 educators, researchers, practitioners, and students to discuss emerging issues in research, policy, education, and practice within the field of criminal justice. This year’s conference focuses on practical applications for the field.

For more information: [http://www.acjs.org/pubs/167\\_668\\_2915.cfm](http://www.acjs.org/pubs/167_668_2915.cfm).

**National Conference on Juvenile Justice**

**March 11-14, 2009 in Orlando, FL**

Sponsored by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the National District Attorneys Association, this conference will highlight a variety of topics such as truancy and safe schools, gangs, family violence, child abuse and neglect, juvenile sex offenders, and substance abuse. Conference sessions will emphasize effective practice and programs, offer tips and tools, and provide networking opportunities.

For more information: <http://www.ncjfcj.org/content/view/1147/315/>.

**28th Annual National CASA Conference**

**April 25-28, 2009 in Denver, CO**

Sponsored by the National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention the theme of this conference is “Taking Advocacy to a Higher Level.” Participants will have the opportunity to network with more than 1,400 CASA staff, board members, volunteers, judges, attorneys, and other child welfare professionals.

Access full text at: <http://www.casanet.org/conference/>.



### **Underage Drinking Prevention Conferences**

**March 5, 2009, Worcester, MA**

**April 3, 2009, Wrentham, MA**

**April 28, 2009, Pittsfield, MA**

**May 5, 2009, Plymouth, MA**

**May 11, 2009, Brockton, MA**

Four Massachusetts District Attorney's Association offices have been awarded federal funds through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security-Highway Safety Division to host one-day conferences. These conferences will bring together a variety of stakeholders in children's lives to prevent underage drinking. Attendees may include parents, school personnel, health-care professionals, state and local law enforcement representatives, and others.

For more information, please contact: Worcester County- Karen McGrath, [Karen.mcgrath@state.ma.us](mailto:Karen.mcgrath@state.ma.us), Norfolk County- Michael Jackman, [Michael.p.jackman@state.ma.us](mailto:Michael.p.jackman@state.ma.us), Berkshire County- Carol Mulcahy, [Carol.a.mulcahy@state.ma.us](mailto:Carol.a.mulcahy@state.ma.us), Plymouth County- Ed Jacoubs, [Edward.jacoubs@state.ma.us](mailto:Edward.jacoubs@state.ma.us).

## **News**

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

### **Police Could Lay Off 200**

***The Boston Globe*, January 1, 2009**

According to *The Boston Globe*, the Boston Police Department could be forced to lay off as many as 200 police officers because of cuts in state funding, wiping out hiring efforts that strengthened the force after homicides hit a 10-year high in 2005. It would be the first time in 27 years and only the second time in history that the city lays off police officers. City budget officials, anticipating large reductions in state funding in the current and coming budget years, have instructed city departments to submit draft budgets with cuts of between 7 and 10 percent.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/01/01/police\\_could\\_lay\\_off\\_200/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/01/01/police_could_lay_off_200/).

### **Police Try New Tactic in Cellphone Robberies**

***The Boston Globe*, January 15, 2009**

According to *The Boston Globe*, Boston police are trying a new tactic as they battle the rising number of cellphone robberies in the city: cracking down on stores that buy and sell used cellphones. After undercover sting operations at two stores, the storeowners are facing charges under a state law that bars buying and selling secondhand goods without a license. More than 300 Sidekick robberies were reported last year, accounting for about 14 percent of all of the city's robberies. Police said they were undertaking a multipronged effort to address this issue and prevent future robberies.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/education/higher/articles/2009/01/15/police\\_try\\_new\\_tactic\\_in\\_cellphone\\_robberies/](http://www.boston.com/news/education/higher/articles/2009/01/15/police_try_new_tactic_in_cellphone_robberies/).

**Holyoke Launches Campaign against Underage Drinking, Courtesy of \$100,000 Federal Grant**  
**The Republican, January 22, 2009**

A three-year, \$100,000 federal grant has enabled a city-based organization to launch a campaign against underage drinking, reports *The Republican*. Instead of taking an adversarial approach toward underage drinking, the program tries to emphasize the positive aspects of a sober lifestyle. The program includes surveys of students in the sixth, eighth, 10th, and 12th grades about their experiences with, and attitudes toward, drugs and alcohol. It also examines such topics as student attitudes towards parents and friends.

Access full text at: [http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2009/01/holyoke\\_launches\\_campaign\\_agai.html?category=Holyoke](http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2009/01/holyoke_launches_campaign_agai.html?category=Holyoke).

**Gov. Deval Patrick Proposes Cuts, New Taxes and Withdrawals from Mass. Rainy Day Fund to Close \$1.1 Billion Deficit**

**The Republican, January 28, 2009**

Mass. Gov. Deval Patrick proposed a series of service cuts, new taxes and deep draws from the state's dwindling rainy day fund to finance the Massachusetts budget amid a national recession and sagging state tax collections, reports *The Republican*. The Governor said he planned to close a \$1.1 billion deficit for the current fiscal year with \$191 million in cuts, \$68 million in new taxes or fees, a \$327 million withdrawal from the state's rainy day fund and \$533 million in federal stimulus money the state is expecting. Among the cuts is a \$128 million reduction in state aid to cities and towns, while among the new revenues is a proposal to extend the state's 5 percent sales tax to store-bought alcohol, as well as candy, soda and other sweetened drinks.

Access full text at: [http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2009/01/gov\\_deval\\_patrick\\_proposes\\_cut.html](http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2009/01/gov_deval_patrick_proposes_cut.html).

**Bottle Law Proposal Gets Mixed Reaction**

**The Boston Globe, January 30, 2009**

According to *The Boston Globe*, as part of Patrick's effort to raise money for the fiscal 2010 budget, the governor has proposed expanding the state's 28-year-old bottle law, the 5-cent deposit fee for carbonated sodas, beer, and malt beverages, to include bottled water, juices, and sports drinks, which now account for about one-third of beverages sold in Massachusetts. Governor Patrick estimates the state would raise about \$58 million by allowing the redemption of an additional 1.5 billion containers a year, or about \$20 million more than the state earns from the current law. He expects the additional money because only about 65 percent of all bottles sold in the state are redeemed.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/01/30/bottle\\_law\\_proposal\\_gets\\_mixed\\_reaction/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/01/30/bottle_law_proposal_gets_mixed_reaction/).

## **Announcement**

**“Move Over” Law**

On Sunday, March 22, the new “Move Over” law will be in effect. This law requires all motorists who are approaching any stationary vehicle with flashing lights (police, fire, ambulance, tow truck, etc.) to proceed with due caution, slow down to a reasonable and safe speed, and change lanes so as to not pass directly next to the stationary vehicle if it is possible and safe to do so. This law is an important tool to help protect first responders in dangerous and potentially deadly situations.

For a copy of the law: [www.mass.gov/safety/moveover](http://www.mass.gov/safety/moveover).

## Contact Information

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